



**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

<b>TO:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Santa Cruz County Clerk 701 Ocean Street, Room 520 Santa Cruz, CA 95060	<b>FROM:</b>	Soquel Creek Water District 5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073 (Lead Agency)
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<b>TO:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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**Project Title:** Adopt Resolution 24-04 to Authorize, Pursuant to the Previously Certified Pure Water Soquel Environmental Impact Report and Previously Adopted Addenda, The Execution for Phase 3 Scope of Work and Contract Price of \$4,456,506 with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., for the Long-Term Operation and Management of the Chanticleer site Advanced Water Purification Facility

**Project Applicant:** Soquel Creek Water District

**Specific Project Location –** Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 ½' topographical map identified by quadrangle name): 2505 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, 95062, APN 029-013-54, located at the southwest corner of Chanticleer and Soquel Avenues in the City of Santa Cruz.

**General Project Location (City and/or County):** City of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County

**Project Description:**

*2018 EIR*

On December 18, 2018, the Soquel Creek Water District (District) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopted Findings of Fact (including a Statement of Overriding Considerations) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and approved the Pure Water Soquel: Groundwater Replenishment and Seawater Intrusion Prevention Project (PWS or Project). The Project will supplement natural recharge of the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin with purified water, which will be produced from existing secondary effluent from the Santa Cruz Wastewater Treatment Facility (SC WWTF) and delivered to treatment facilities located in either the City of Santa Cruz or unincorporated Santa Cruz County. The EIR evaluated potential environmental impacts that could occur as a result of implementing the Project and/or alternatives and provided applicable mitigation to reduce the intensity of potential environmental impacts. The District determined that the Project would have significant and potentially

significant impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level of less than significant, despite the imposition of mitigation measures.

#### *2020 Addendum*

Since certifying the EIR and approving the Project, the District adopted an Addendum on November 17, 2020 (2020 Addendum), with regard to minor revisions to the PWS Project. The Addendum determined that neither the Project modifications, nor any changes in circumstances surrounding the Project, result in any new significant impact, or substantially increase the severity of an impact identified in the 2018 PWS EIR. The Addendum further determined that no new mitigation is required beyond those measures in the adopted MMRP.

#### *2021 Addendum*

The District adopted a second Addendum on December 5, 2021, with regard to further minor revisions to the Project (2021 Addendum). The 2021 Addendum evaluates design changes to the treatment facilities to consolidate all PWS treatment systems at a single site (Chanticleer Site) and the incorporation of an ozone pretreatment system in lieu of a nitrifying biological aerated filtration pretreatment system. The 2021 Addendum determined that the minor modifications would not result in substantial changes to the previously certified EIR or 2020 Addendum because it would not involve new significant impacts, nor would it substantially increase the severity of an impact identified in the certified EIR.

#### *Phase 3 for Chanticleer Site*

The District had identified the southwest corner of the Chanticleer Site to locate the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) with or without Tertiary Treatment at the SC WWTF (Chanticleer Project).

On August 9, 2019, the District issued a Request for Qualifications through the District's website for operation and maintenance at-risk consulting services (O&M) for the Chanticleer Project to solicit qualified firms to provide long-term O&M of the Chanticleer Project (Phase 3). The District's Review and Selection Committee conducted a thorough process evaluating the firms and ultimately recommended that the O&M of the Chanticleer Project be awarded to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., a Delaware Corporation and subsidiary of Jacobs Engineering Group.

**On March 5, 2024**, the District Board of Directors took the following actions related to the Chanticleer Project: (1) adopted Resolution 24-04, authorizing, pursuant to the previously certified Pure Water Soquel Environmental Impact Report and previously adopted Addenda, the execution for Phase 3 Scope of Work and contract price of \$4,456,506 with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for the long-term operation and management of the Chanticleer Site Advanced Water Purification Facility. This activity is part of the PWS evaluated in the certified EIR and adopted Addenda, and, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162, the authorization and execution of contract with CH2M Hills Engineers will result in no new or more severe impacts have been identified requiring additional environmental review of this action.

Identify the person or entity undertaking the project, including any private applicant, any other person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the project, and any person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the project.

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This is to advise that the ( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency) has taken the above described action with respect to the project on March 5, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project will NOT have a significant effect on the environment
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Environmental Impact Report and Addendum was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures, identified in the previously certified EIR, were made a condition of the approval of the project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were NOT made a condition of the approval of the project.
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was adopted for this project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was NOT adopted for this project.
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for this project

<p><b>Date:</b> <u>3/6/2024</u></p>	 <p><b>Signature</b></p> <p><b>Name: Melanie Mow Schumacher</b></p> <p><b>Title: Special Projects/Comm Mgr/ Assist. General Manager</b></p>
<p><b>Date Received for Filing:</b> _____</p>	

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.